

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 1771
Examiner: Chang, V
3M Matter No. : 54512US012

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003, Applicants request further examination in light of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 17, 2003.

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